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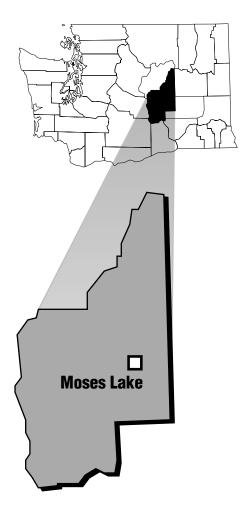
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System Snapshot

• Operating Name: Grant Transit Authority (GTA)

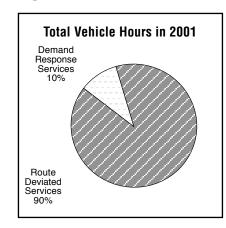
• Service Area: Countywide, Grant County

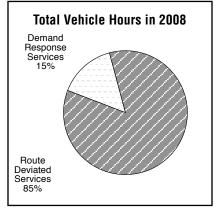
• Congressional District: 4

• Legislative Districts: 12 and 13

• Type of Government: Public Transportation Benefit Area

- Governing Body: 9 member board of directors comprised of one county commissioner, one council member each from Moses Lake, Ephrata, Warden, Soap Lake, and Coulee City, a council member representing Electric City and Grand Coulee, a council member representing George, Mattawa, Royal City, and Quincy, and a council member representing Marlin, Hartline, and Wilson Creek.
- Tax Authorized: 0.2% sales and use tax approved in November 1996.
- Types of Service: 16 deviated routes and paratransit service for persons with disabilities who cannot use deviated route service.
- Days of Service: Weekdays, generally between 6:20 a.m. and 9:10 p.m.
- Base Fare: 50 cents per boarding, deviated routes; 25 cents per ride, paratransit.





Current Operations

GTA operates 16 deviated routes Monday through Friday as follows:

- Nine rural intercity routes.
- Soap Lake to Wilson Creek.
- Ephrata to George, Desert Aire, Quincy, and Mattawa.
- Moses Lake to Ephrata/Soap Lake, Warden, Royal City, and George.
- Four rural local routes (Moses Lake).
- Two rural commuter routes (Moses Lake).

GTA operates one deviated route between Soap Lake and Coulee Dam Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

GTA provides paratransit services to persons with disabilities.

Revenue Service Vehicles

Route Deviated -36 total, 15 of which are ADA accessible, age ranging from 1985 to 2001.

Paratransit — Five total (all provided by contractor), all wheelchair accessible, age ranging from 1985 to 1993.

Facilities

GTA has rents administrative offices in the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Building in Ephrata. GTA has no other facilities. The contractor has a maintenance and operations facility in Moses Lake.

Intermodal Connections

GTA serves the Ephrata Intermodal Center, with connections to Greyhound Lines, Amtrak, and the Grant County International Airport, Greyhound Lines' and Trailways' stops in Moses Lake, and Trailways' stops in George.

GTA provides service to most of the public elementary, middle, and high schools and state parks in its service area, as well as Big Bend Community College.

2001 Achievements

- Objectives met:
 - Installed additional passenger shelters at Moses Lake transfer station.
 - Implemented alternatives to inefficient routes.

2002 Objectives

- Install additional passenger shelters at Moses Lake transfer station.
- Implement additional alternatives to inefficient routes.
- Purchase two replacement paratransit vehicles.

Long-range (2003 through 2008) Plans

- Purchase eight replacement transit buses.
- Sustain 2000 levels of service without an increase in tax support.

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	1999	2000	2001	% Change	2002	2003	2004	2008
Service Area Population	70,595	74,694	75,895	1.61%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Annual Operating Information								
Route Deviated Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	41,218	20,719	23,269	12.31%	23,000	24,000	24,000	26,000
Total Vehicle Hours	41,218	22,735	25,533	12.31%	25,000	26,000	26,000	28,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	1,004,477	529,021	557,558	5.39%	644,000	700,000	700,000	725,000
Total Vehicle Miles	1,004,477	583,705	612,822	4.99%	644,000	700,000	700,000	725,000
Passenger Trips	153,160	92,891	101,293	9.05%	102,000	112,000	112,000	115,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	111,842	68,375	65,364	-4.40%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	1	6	2	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	1	17	6	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees (FTEs)	34.0	34.1	25.5	-25.22%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$2,513,488	\$1,492,294	\$1,542,017	3.33%	\$1,687,000	\$1,737,000	\$1,790,000	\$2,015,000
Farebox Revenues	\$55,317	\$47,364	\$35,545	-24.29%	\$48,000	\$49,000	\$50,000	\$56,000
Demand Response Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	5,814	3,684	2,690	-26.98%	3,000	3,000	5,000	5,000
Total Vehicle Hours	5,814	3,684	2,690	-26.98%	3,000	3,000	5,000	5,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	86,195	38,659	34,076	-11.85%	45,000	45,000	52,000	52,000
Total Vehicle Miles	86,195	38,659	34,076	-11.85%	45,000	45,000	52,000	52,000
Passenger Trips	11,096	5,363	5,848	9.04%	6,000	6,000	7,000	9,000
Gasoline Fuel Consumed (gallons)	14,020	9,738	9,875	1.41%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	1	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	1	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees (FTEs)	4.0	5.4	5.5	1.81%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$166,474	\$86,942	\$44,380	-48.95%	\$49,000	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$60,000
Farebox Revenues	\$1,934	\$1,329	\$8,675	552.75%	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000

Summary of Public Transportation — 2001

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	1999	2000	2001	% Change	2002	2003	2004	2008
Annual Revenues Sales Tax MVET Transit Sales Tax Equity Distribution State Bridge Allocation Fares Other	\$1,517,530 \$1,586,770 \$25,800 \$0 \$57,251 \$220,116	\$1,526,479 \$1,341,076 \$144,091 \$657,800 \$48,693 \$210,942	\$1,645,245 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$48,220 \$252,345	7.78% -100.00% -100.00% -100.00% -0.97% 19.63%	\$1,536,000 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$49,000 \$200,000	\$1,683,000 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$50,000 \$226,000	\$1,699,000 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$51,000 \$233,000	\$1,923,000 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$59,000 \$262,000
Total Annual Revenues Annual Operating Expenses	\$3,407,467 \$2,679,962	\$3,929,081 \$1,579,236	\$1,945,810 \$1,586,397	-50.48% 0.45%	\$1,785,000 \$1,736,000	\$1,959,000 \$1,787,000	\$1,983,000 \$1,842,000	\$2,244,000 \$2,075,000
Annual Capital Purchase Obligations Federal Section 5309 Capital Grants Federal Section 5311 Capital Grants General Fund Capital Fund Total Capital Purchases	\$86,499 \$140,581 \$195,496 \$0 \$422,576	\$665,040 \$0 \$0 \$179,359 \$844,399	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	-100.00%	\$495,000 \$151,000 \$0 \$161,000 \$807,000	\$493,000 \$0 \$0 \$177,000 \$670,000	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0
Ending Balances, December 31 General Fund Working Capital Totals	\$1,001,109 \$800,000 \$1,801,109	\$3,071,595 \$800,000 \$3,871,595	\$3,431,008 \$800,000 \$4,231,008	11.70% 0.00% 9.28%	\$3,319,000 \$800,000 \$4,119,000	\$3,335,000 \$800,000 \$4,135,000	\$3,476,000 \$800,000 \$4,276,000	\$3,882,000 \$800,000 \$4,682,000

Performance Measures for 2001 Operations

	Deviated Ro	oute Services	Demand Response Services		
	Grant Transit	Rural Medians	Grant Transit	Rural Medians	
Fares/Operating Cost	2.31%	3.80%	19.55%	2.58%	
Operating Cost/Passenger Trip	\$15.22	\$7.02	\$7.59	\$16.78	
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Mile	\$2.77	\$2.45	\$1.30	\$4.15	
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Hour	\$66.27	\$47.07	\$16.50	\$53.46	
Operating Cost/Total Vehicle Hour	\$60.39	\$44.25	\$16.50	\$42.56	
Revenue Vehicle Hours/Total Vehicle Hour	91.13%	94.00%	100.00%	91.27%	
Revenue Vehicle Hours/FTE	913	1,243	489	942	
Revenue Vehicle Miles/Revenue Vehicle Hour	24.0	19.20	12.7	12.27	
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Hour	4.4	7.5	2.2	3.1	
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Mile	0.18	0.32	0.17	0.26	